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Country: Germany

Subject: Soviet Airfields in Germany

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1. **Altenburg (E27):** This airfield, which, during the end of June, was reported to be the sole airfield in the whole region, is being used by a squadron with 26 IL 2's. Because of the absence of decorations, [redacted] the squadron is a new one. Bomb damages have been repaired, but no new construction is being carried on. A shortage of equipment was observed. An artillery park, which has been set up here with repair shops, is busy converting German SS's to Russian 7.62's.
 2. **Amsted near Genshienburg (E27),** about 30 kms. north of Berlin: The airfield, including a large asphalt runway which can be used by the heaviest planes, is reported to have been put into shape by the end of June. Many Junkers 52's were observed in flight.
 3. **Hitterberg (J47):** In the latter part of June this field was reported to be occupied by a VE squadron. Very little activity was observed.
 4. **Cardalogen (J44):** The airfield here is reported to have been abandoned by the Russians during the end of June.
 5. **Kross Bach (2-3 kms. south of Liebenwalde, E27):** As of the end of June, this airfield is reported to be playing a minor role.
 6. **Nara (J46):** This airfield was reported, at the end of June, as not being occupied but also as not having been dismantled.

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7. Plauen (K12): This field was reported during the latter part of June as being used by a flying school. German planes, mainly Heinkel 111's and Junker 88's, were being flown. Because of a shortage of equipment, students were able to make only ten or twelve flights per month.
8. Quedlinburg (D58): This airfield was reported, at the end of June, as having been very little damaged. It was occupied by the Russians, who were flying German planes, mostly Fw 190's. There were also Junkers 87's, 88's, and 188's, Heinkel 111's, and Messerschmidt 109's. Although German mechanics were used here as well as in other fields, none of the flying personnel was German. [redacted] no German flying personnel is being used in the entire Russian Zone. [redacted] also observed no jet fighters in the whole region.
9. Ruedersdorf: [redacted] the construction of an airfield, reports 5 July that, on the order of a Russian General, who came here with twelve officers 27-30 June, work on the landing field has been halted. Except for about 100 men who form a special unit, the soldiers stationed here were transported to Fuerstenberg (K71). The general and his officers also went to Fuerstenberg. The tunnel, however, which has been housing munitions and explosives, is still having work done on it.
10. Schleuditz (K12): During the latter half of June, this field is reported unoccupied by Russian units. The field, which is not being dismantled, is being used solely for planes built by Siebel. In engine repair shops, mainly BMW 801's and A-8 1's were being overhauled by German mechanics.

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